

FRANKLIN PIERCE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 402
Pierce County, Washington
September 1, 1990 Through August 31, 1992

Schedule Of Findings

1. District Should Comply With School Lunch Record Keeping Requirements

While reviewing the administration of the National School Lunch Program (CFDA 10.555), it was noted that the district was unable to provide sufficient evidence supporting the reimbursement claims. The cook's menu planning record book for the 1991-92 school year with data supporting the eligibility of the meals served at Franklin Pierce High School was apparently lost during transport from the lunchroom to the storage warehouse.

7 Codification of Federal Regulations (CFR), Sections 210.2, 210.6, 220.2, and 220.6 require the district to retain documentation to verify the meals claimed for reimbursement contained the requisite food items.

Without the cook's menu planning books the district has no evidence that the meals served met the minimum nutritional requirements and were eligible for reimbursement from the National School Lunch Program.

We recommend that the district retain the records that support the eligibility of meals served.

2. The School District Should Adhere To Competitive Food Requirements

While auditing the district we observed a soft drink vending machine in operation during the lunch period at one of the high schools. The machine was located between the cafeteria and an outdoor eating area. Cafeteria staff indicated the machine was never turned off.

7 CFR 210.11(a)(1) National School Lunch Program (CFDA 10.555) and 7 CFR 220.2 (c-1) School Breakfast Program (CFDA 10.553) prohibit the sale of competitive foods to children in food service areas during the breakfast and lunch periods. Competitive food is defined as food of minimal nutritional value and food service areas are defined as any area on school premises in which School Breakfast Program and/or National School Lunch Program meals are either served or eaten.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) issues annual bulletins stating that failure to adhere to federal competitive food regulations may result in the loss or withholding of program reimbursements.

The vending machine was not shut off during meal periods because school administrators hold a differing view of what constitutes the food service area.

We recommend the district comply with the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program regulations regarding selling of competitive foods.